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**Petition for Extension of Time
(Rules 136 and 17(a)-(d))**

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Very Respectfully,

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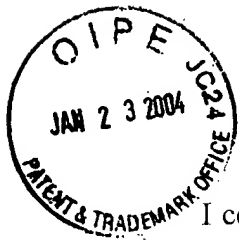
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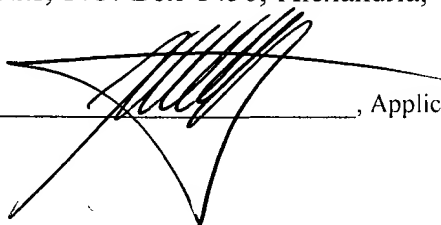
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